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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. BARTON ( CANADA) SUGGESTED CCD FOLLOW ITS TRADITIONAL PRAGMATIC APPROACH BY TAKING PARTIAL STEPS ON CW THAT ARE NOW POSSIBLE, E. G. BAN ON SUPER TOXIC AGENTS OR BAN ON CERTAIN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS PRODUCTION. HE SHARPLY CRITICIZED SUPERPOWERS FOR LACK OF PROGRESS ON CTB. BARTON WARNED CO- CHAIRMEN THAT CCD COULD BE JEOPARDIZED BY FAILURE MAKE PROGRESS ON ISSUES BEFORE IT. NATORF ( POLAND) URGED PROGRESS ON CW, EITHER BY TAKING SOCIALIST DRAFT AS NEGOTIATING BASIS OR BY SUBMISSION CONCRETE COUNTERPROPOSALS. HE EXPRESSED STANDARD VIEWS ON CTB AND WDC. END SUMMARY.

2. BARTON ( CANADA) URGED CONTINUING EFFORTS TOWARDS CW CONVENTION AND POSED QUESTION OF WHETHER IT WOULD BE BETTER TO CONTINUE SEEKING COMPREHENSIVE BAN, THROUGH POSSIBLY LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS, OR TO CONSIDER PARTIAL MEASURES. LATTER MIGHT ENTAIL BAN ON DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF SUPER- TOXIC AGENTS OR A BAN ON CERTAIN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS PRODUCTION. BARTON SAID IT WAS CLEAR THAT, WITHOUT LOSING SIGHT OF LONG- TERM GOALS, CCD SHOULD TAKE STEPS THAT ARE NOW POSSIBLE, FOLLOWING ITS CUSTOMARY GRADUAL AND PRAGMATIC APPROACH.

3. ON CTB, BARTON SAID LACK OF SIGNS OF PROGRESS WAS DISTURBING. TWO SUPER- POWERS SEEM IN SOME RESPECTS TO HAVE RETREATED FROM POSITIONS OF TEN YEARS AGO. BOTH HAVE CLEAR DUTY TABLE CONCRETE, WORKABLE PROPOSALS MEETING SECURITY NEEDS OF ALL CONCERNED. EVIDENT THAT CTB WOULD BE COMPLETELY EFFECTIVE ONLY IF ALL NUCLEARS ADHERE, BUT BAN AGREED TO ONLY BY NUCLEARS WHO ARE CCD MEMBERS WOULD STILL BE VIABLE AND IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO SLOWING ARMS RACE. BARTON ADDED THAT RESPONSES BY TWO SUPERPOWERS TO MARCH 1972 CANADIAN PROPOSAL ON INTERIM MEASURES WAS VERY LONG OVERDUE.

4. IN CONCLUSION BARTON WARNED THAT IF CCD FAILS TO MAKE PROGRESS ON ISSUES BEFORE IT IN VERY NEAR FUTURE, ITS REPUTATION WILL SUFFER, FRUSTRATION WILL GROW AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CCD' S FUTURE COULD BE JEOPARDIZED. HE SAID ALL SHOULD

BE ALIVE TO DANGER OF SUCH DEVELOPMENT BUT NONE MORE SO  
THAN TWO CO- CHAIRMEN.

5. AMB NATORF ( POLAND) NOTED THAT CCD, THROUGH ITS  
YEARS OF PERSEVERANCE AND PATIENT WORK, HAD BEEN  
INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING ABOUT PRESENT- DAY RELAXATION  
IN EUROPE AND " SOME OTHER CONTINENTS". MOST URGENT PROBLEM  
FACING CCD IN NATORF' S VIEW WAS CHEMICAL WEAPONS,  
PROBLEM " MOST RIPE FOR SOLUTION". DELIBERATIONS ON THAT  
SUBJECT, HOWEVER, HAD REACHED SOMETHING OF A DEAD END.  
IT WAS HIGH TIME FOR A TRANSITION FROM WIDE- RANGING  
GENERAL DEBATE TO SPECIFIC NEGOTIATIONS. WHAT COULD ADD  
MOMENTUM TO CCD NEGOTIATIONS ON CW WOULD BE EITHER  
SUBMISSION OF A CONCRETE COUNTER- PROPOSAL OR  
ENGAGING IN CONSTRUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS ON BASIS OF  
SOCIALIST DRAFT CONVENTION.

6. TURNING TO CTB, NATORF EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT AN  
UNDERGROUND TEST BAN COULD BE VERIFIED BY NATIONAL  
MEANS OF DETECTION. ONCE CONCLUDED, AN ADDITIONAL  
SAFEGUARD COULD BE ESTABLISHED IN FORM OF  
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